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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Thursday, 18 November 1999*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fourth session*

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE YEAR 2000 PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

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| 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | 1st meeting | Conference Room 3 |

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fourth session*

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| 10 a.m. | 56th PLENARY MEETING | General Assembly Hall |

1. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/311, A/54/355)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.24/Rev.1, A/54/L.27)

(continued overleaf)

**Announcement**

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

2. University for Peace [21]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/312)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.30)

3 p.m. 57th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/445) [35]

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

*Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)*

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

**Committees**

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information [91] (A/54/21 and Add.1, A/54/415)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 42nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.38*

(c) Trade and development

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.36, L.37 and L.40*

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(b) Business and development

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35*

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39*

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.24*

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

*Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.12 and L.33*

## THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | 51st meeting | Conference Room 1 |

1. Advancement of women [109]

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89*

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91*

3. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.85*

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.80*

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | 52nd meeting | Conference Room 1 |

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

   *Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.93, L.94 and L.95*

2. Human rights questions [116]

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   *Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/54/L.86, L.87/Rev.1, L.96, L.97 and L.98*

3. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   *Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.59, L.60, L.67, L.70 and L.72-L.78*

## FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1 Vol. II, A/54/7 and A/54/16 (Part I: Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, Section 2. General Assembly Affairs and conference services (A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19 and A/53/833); Part II: Political affairs, Section 3. Political affairs, Section 4. Disarmament, Section 5. Peacekeeping operations, Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space; Part III: International justice and law, Section 7. International Court of Justice, Section 8. Legal affairs (A/53/643))

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

## SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | 35th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

1. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

2. Report of the Committee on the Relations with the Host Country [157] (A/54/26)

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.17*

3. Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [161]

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.20*

4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

   Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.6*

5. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

   International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism

   *Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.16*

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## COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

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| 6 p.m. | 425th meeting | Conference Room 8 |

Review of a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11)

[In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax: (212) 963-7405).]

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. UNEP budget mock-up
2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Section 26 (Public information)
3. Executive session on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)

## UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Room DC2-470A |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Room DC2-470A |

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Thursday, 18 November 1999*

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

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| 10.30 a.m - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

GROUP OF 77
*(on Fifth Committee matters)*

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| 1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE GROUP OF 77

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| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(coordination meeting: on all pending issues)*

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| 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

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There will be a closed meeting of the Quadripartite Coordination Committee on International Cooperation on Chernobyl *(at the ministerial level) today*, 18 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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**Meeting of co-sponsors**

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) *today*, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

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**Announcement**

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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**Announcement**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Friday, 19 November 1999*

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fourth session*

10 a.m. 58th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/129/Rev.1, A/54/130/Rev.1, A/54/153, A/54/278, A/54/294, A/54/295, A/54/296, A/54/350, A/54/421, A/54/462, A/54/534)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.29)*

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster [20 (c)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/449)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.22)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/217) [20 (d)]

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/134) [20 (e)]

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* To be issued.

### Committees

| | SECOND COMMITTEE | | | THIRD COMMITTEE | |
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| 10 a.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 | 10 a.m. | 53rd meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 | 3 p.m. | 54th meeting | Conference Room 1 |

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 39th meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| Morning* | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| 3 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 36th meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m. | 37th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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### Special meeting

There will be a meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), from 22 to 24 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyedije, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel: (212) 963-4420).

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### Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran. will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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### Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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### Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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**Briefing**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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**Workshop**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 17 November 1999*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

54th plenary meeting

*United Nations Decade of International Law* [154]: *marking of the end of the United Nations Decade of International Law*:

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/362 and Add.1)*

*(b) Letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/381)*

*(c) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/609)*

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The representative of the Secretary-General made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 154.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Hans Van Mierlo, Minister of State of the Netherlands, the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Croatia, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Yemen, the Sudan (on behalf of the African group), Cameroon, South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Countries), Mexico and Cuba.

55th plenary meeting

*United Nations Decade of International Law* [154]: *marking of the end of the United Nations Decade of International Law*:

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/362 and Add.1)*

*(b) Letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/381)*

*(c) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/609)*

Statements were made by the representatives of Mozambique, Ecuador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia, India, Ghana, Colombia, Lesotho, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Burkina Faso, Peru, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and China.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 54th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/3 of 13 October 1993, the observer for the Permanent Court of Arbitration made a statement.

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the report of the Committee on agenda item 154.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/54/609) (resolutions 54/27 and 54/28).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 154.

## Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 23rd meeting

*Questions relating to information* [91]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Kuwait, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bangladesh, Algeria, Senegal, Yemen, Myanmar, Chile, the Netherlands (on behalf of the Western Group, including Member States of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country members of the EEA: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Belarus and Tunisia.

A statement was made by the representative of UNESCO.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 49th meeting

*Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions* [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan and Armenia.

A statement was made by the observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Director of the New York Liaison Office of the High Commissioner to the United Nations made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 111.

50th meeting

*Organization of work*

The Chairman announced that he had been informed by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.8/Rev.1 (Question of the death penalty ) and by the sponsors of the amendments thereto that they did not intend to pursue their initiatives at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly. The Committee therefore decided not to consider draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.8/Rev.1 and the amendments thereto.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 116 (a) (Human Rights Questions: implementation of human rights instruments).

*Advancement of women* [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89*

The representative of Guyana, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Austria, Azerbaijan, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands and Spain introduced the draft resolution.

*Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions* [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91*

The representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Canada introduced the draft resolution.

*Crime prevention and criminal justice* [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out a statement of conference servicing implications.

The Secretary read out the corrections which had been made to the text when introduced.

It was announced that Cambodia, Colombia, India, Nepal and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Saudi Arabia made a statement; after the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.4 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.88**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out a statement from the Controller.

The Committee adopted the amendment to the draft resolution, as amended, without a vote.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.22/Rev.1*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the main sponsor of the revised draft resolution was Algeria.

The representative of Algeria corrected and revised the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

*Draft decision*

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/54/69-E/1999/8.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 107.

*Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions* [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.57*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

*Human rights questions* [116]

*(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Introduction of draft resolutions:*

*A/C.3/54/L.71/Rev.1*

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Nigeria, Qatar, Rwanda, South Africa, the Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, introduced and orally revised the revised draft resolution.

*A/C.3/54/L.79*

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

*A/C.3/54/L.83*

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as as well as the Central African Republic, Cyprus, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Malta, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Ukraine, Venezuela and Zambia, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

*A/C.3/54/L.84*

The representative of South Africa, on behalf the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

*(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.82*

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Estonia, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand and San Marino, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

*Introduction of the amendment to A/C.3/54/L.60 contained in A/C.3/54/L.92*

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the amendment to the draft resolution.

*Human rights questions* [116]

*(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Action on draft resolutions:*

*A/C.3/54/L.64*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Brazil, Cameroon, Croatia, India, Indonesia, Ireland, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and Venezuela had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

*A/C.3/54/L.65*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Cameroon and Sri Lanka had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

*A/C.3/54/L.66*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Cameroon, Croatia, the Philippines and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Equatorial Guinea and Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

*A/C.3/54/L.68*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Belgium, Colombia, Croatia, Georgia, Japan, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Spain and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

*A/C.3/54/L.69*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Armenia, Colombia, Croatia, Malta and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution a statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work.

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**Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1999

405th meeting

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Uzbekistan (CAT/C/32/Add.3). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

*Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention* [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

406th meeting

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the initial report of Azerbaijan and continued its consideration of the initial report of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 403rd meeting.

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
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WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1999

32nd meeting

*Consideration of reports* [6]

*(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Bulgaria (E/1994/104/Add.16).

33rd meeting

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

## SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

### [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954*

*Accession:* Swaziland (16 November 1999)*

*Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. New York, 30 August 1961*

*Accession:* Swaziland (16 November 1999)*

*Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993*

*Acceptance:* Lithuania (16 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special event

The fourth United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "Mirror or Map?: The Impact of Television on Peace and Development", organized by the Department of Information (DPI), with the support of the Permanent Missions of Italy and Japan to the United Nations, will be held on 18 and 19 November 1999.

The Forum will be opened *today*, 18 November, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, by Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information. H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, President of the General Assembly, and H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations and President of the Economic and Social Council, will address the Forum.

Following the opening of the Forum, there will be a dialogue on the theme "Television and the United Nations" between the Secretary-General and three prominent figures from the field of television news, Mr. Tom Brokaw, Anchor and Managing Editor, NBC News; Mr. Jean-Pierre Elkabbach, Chroniqueur éditorialiste, Europe 1; and Mrs. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Johannesburg Bureau Chief, CNN.

From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., three parallel workshops will take place as follows: a news workshop on "Setting the Agenda: Television News as Stakeholder not Spectator" in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; an education workshop on "Television as Tutor: From Distance Learning to Edutainment" in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and a development workshop on "Communication for Social Change: Social Responsibility and the Role of the Television" in Conference Room 4.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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### Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 18 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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### New United Nations stamps

*Today*, 18 November 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Education - Keystone to the 21st Century". The denominations of the new stamps will be 33 cents, 60 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 7 and S 13.

The new stamps, first-day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new issue are available in circular ST/IC/ 1999/93.

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**Exhibit**

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until *today*, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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